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R. I. JOBS DECLINE 2,600 IN DECEMBER

Employment in Rhode Island declined in December for the second straight month as the manufacturing sector posted a 3,200 worker decrease, more than offsetting an overall gain of 600 jobs in the nonmanufacturing industries, according to Mary C. Hackett, Director of the Department of Employment Security.

According to preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security in cooperation with the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, there were 402,300 workers employed in Rhode Island in mid-December. The monthly comparison shows a 2,600 worker reduction, while on an annual comparison, the December employment level is 2,000 workers below the year ago total.

MANUFACTURING

Rhode Island manufacturing jobs numbered 123,100 in mid-December, a drop of 3,200 from the previous month and down 5,800 from the level of December 1980. The monthly decline was recorded in both the Nondurable Goods and the Durable Goods sectors, with two-thirds of the losses reported in Nondurable Goods and one-third reported in Durable Goods industries.

In the Nondurable Goods sector, a decline of 2,200 jobs was observed in December. Jewelry/Silverware showed the largest monthly decline, with job losses of 1,000 reported, bringing the total employment in that industry to 24,900 for the month. Miscellaneous Manufacturing declined by 400 workers in December, posting a total employment of 5,700 jobs filled. Apparel manufacturing reported 3,400 workers, a de-

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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL EMPLOYERS SUBJECT TO THE R. I. TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE ACT

You Should Now Be Deducting Temporary Disability Insurance Contributions From Your Employees' Wages At The Rate Of:

1.2 PERCENT
OF THE
FIRST $8,600

Of Total Wages Paid to Each Employee In 1982.

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RHODE ISLAND JOB SERVICE CAN HELP YOU

During 1981 the Rhode Island Job Service assisted many employers in filling their job openings. In the fiscal year ending September 30, 1981 72% of all job openings listed by employers with the Job Service were filled. A total of 26,808 job placements were made during that twelve-month period. Youth under age 22 accounted for 49% of these placements and nearly 13% of them were veterans including sixteen hundred Vietnam-era veterans.

The Rhode Island Job Service is an experienced public employment agency and its trained professional staff can help you fill the openings in your work force. The Job Bank is a computerized listing of job openings throughout Rhode Island. If you need workers, call the Job Bank at 277-3588 (or toll-free Enterprise 2265). There is no fee charged to either employer or job-seeker for using Job Service.

IMPORTANT REMINDER TO EMPLOYERS

Employment Security and Temporary Disability Insurance reports of employment wages and taxes for the quarter ending December 31, 1981, must be filed by January 31, 1982, with the Department of Employment Security, 24 Mason Street, Providence, R.I. Failure to make these reports and to pay required taxes by the due date will make employers liable to penalties and additional interest charges. "No payroll" reports must be submitted in those cases where no wages were paid during the quarter covered by the report.

JOB SERVICE

EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	Dec. 1981	Nov. 1981	Dec. 1980
Total Placements	1,150 P	1,350 P	1,785
New Applications	3,950 P	4,000 P	3,930
New Openings Received	2,150 P	2,277 P	2,288

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EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	Dec. 1981	Nov. 1981	% Change from Nov.
Initial Claims	31,031	12,110	+ 156.2
No. of Payments	84,977	57,729	+ 47.2
Amt. of Payments	$8,810,477	$5,828,028	+ 51.2
Exhaustions	1,865	1,255	+ 48.6

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED

DECEMBER 1981

Sex and Age	Number	Percent
Total	18,643	100.0
Men	10,103	54.2
Under 45	7,571	74.9
45 and over	2,532	25.1
Women	8,540	45.8
Under 45	5,442	63.7
45 and over	3,098	36.3
Industry Attachment		
Contract Construction	1,684	9.0
Manufacturing	8,890	47.7
Public Utilities	673	3.6
Trade	1,994	10.7
Finance-Insurance-Real Est.	391	2.1
Service	2,694	14.5
All Other	2,317	12.4
Occupational Skills		
Prof., Tech. and Mgr.	2,303	12.4
Clerical and Sales	3,125	16.8
Service	1,455	7.8
Forestry, Fishery, and Rel.	364	2.0
Processing	902	4.8
Machine Trades	2,681	14.4
Bench Work	2,856	15.3
Structural Work	2,102	11.3
Miscellaneous	2,155	11.6
Not Available	700	3.8

Providence-Warwick-Pawtucket Labor Area

Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In Thousands)

	Nov. 1981	Oct. 1981	Nov. 1980
Civilian Labor Force	467.4	466.3	459.7
Unemployment	31.1	30.1	27.1
Rate (Unadjusted)	6.7	6.5	5.9
Seas. Adjusted Rate	7.7	7.6	6.8

Newport Labor Area

Labor Force - Unemployment Estimates

	Nov. 1981	Oct. 1981	Nov. 1980
Civilian Labor Force	30,695	30,910	30,345
Unemployment	1,630	1,420	1,705
Rate (Unadjusted)	5.3	4.6	5.6

Westerly Labor Area

Labor Force - Unemployment Estimates

	Nov. 1981	Oct. 1981	Nov. 1980
Civilian Labor Force	14,390	14,255	13,730
Unemployment	1,030	940	775
Rate (Unadjusted)	7.2	6.6	5.6

LABOR SURPLUS AREAS

The following cities and towns have been classified as Labor Surplus Areas by the U. S. Department of Labor. The classifications are effective through May 31, 1982. Establishments located in these cities and towns are eligible for preference in receiving federal contracts.

Bristol
Central Falls
Charlestown
Johnston
New Shoreham
North Providence
Providence
Warren
West Warwick

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN RHODE ISLAND

INDUSTRY GROUP	EMPLOYMENT In Thousands Dec. 1981	Nov. 1981	Dec. 1980	Net Change From Nov. 1981	Dec. 1980	PRODUCTION-WORKER AVERAGES Weekly Earnings Dec. 1981	Dec. 1980	Weekly Hours Dec. 1981	Dec. 1980	Hourly Earnings Dec. 1981	Dec. 1980
ALL MANUFACTURING	123.1	126.3	128.9	— 3200	— 5800	$238.26	$234.77	38.0	40.2	$6.27	$5.84
DURABLE GOODS	52.9	53.9	56.2	— 1000	— 3300	272.83	272.77	39.2	41.9	6.96	6.51
LUMBER/FURNITURE	2.7	2.7	2.1	0	+ 600	234.33	208.89	36.5	38.9	6.42	5.37
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	2.6	2.8	2.9	— 200	— 300	357.69	354.42	45.1	49.5	7.93	7.16
PRIMARY METALS	7.3 †	7.6 †	8.0	— 300	— 700	294.28	299.69	42.1	46.9	6.99	6.39
FABRICATED METALS	9.8	10.1	9.6	— 300	+ 200	228.92	224.07	37.9	38.7	6.04	5.79
NONELEC. MACHINERY	7.1 †	7.3 †	9.5	— 200	— 2400	322.26	339.68	39.3	44.0	8.20	7.72
ELEC. MACHINERY	11.0	11.0	10.9	0	+ 100	221.29	218.86	36.1	38.6	6.13	5.67
TRANS. EQUIPMENT	7.2	7.2	8.1	0	— 900	326.84	301.91	40.4	41.7	8.09	7.24
INSTRUMENTS	5.2	5.2	5.1	0	+ 100	267.60	241.20	40.0	40.0	6.69	6.03
NONDURABLE GOODS	70.2	72.4	72.7	— 2200	— 2500	214.64	207.09	37.2	39.0	5.77	5.31
FOOD-BEVERAGE	3.1	3.1	3.1	0	0	187.25	232.50	35.0	37.5	5.35	6.20
TEXTILES	12.1	12.3	12.3	— 200	— 200	233.79	223.34	41.6	43.2	5.62	5.17
APPAREL	3.4	3.7	3.5	— 300	— 100	205.90	204.18	38.2	41.0	5.39	4.98
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.6	2.7	2.9	— 100	— 300	231.87	215.07	38.2	40.2	6.07	5.35
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	5.7	5.7	5.4	0	+ 300	278.95	297.66	35.4	41.0	7.88	7.26
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.1	3.1	3.0	0	+ 100	297.54	309.46	37.1	38.3	8.02	8.08
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.3	1.3	1.7	0	— 400	279.71	243.36	43.5	41.6	6.43	5.85
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	5.3	5.3	5.2	0	+ 100	238.85	223.97	38.9	39.5	6.14	5.67
LEATHER PRODUCTS	3.0	3.2	3.5	— 200	— 500	167.33	152.28	33.6	36.0	4.98	4.23
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	24.9	25.9	26.8	— 1000	— 1900	183.39	174.84	35.2	36.5	5.21	4.79
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	5.7	6.1	5.3	— 400	+ 400	218.27	204.61	36.5	38.9	5.98	5.26

1980 FIGURES REVISED. 1981 FIGURES ARE PRELIMINARY. ESTIMATES ARE FOR PAY PERIOD WHICH INCLUDES THE 12TH OF THE MONTH.

COMPILED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY IN COOPERATION WITH THE U. S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS.

† LABOR DISPUTE

LABOR TURNOVER RATES IN RHODE ISLAND
(Per 100 Employees)
NOVEMBER 1981

	ACCESSION RATES TOTAL Nov. 1981	Oct. 1981	Nov. 1980	NEW HIRES Nov. 1981	Oct. 1981	Nov. 1980	SEPARATION RATES TOTAL Nov. 1981	Oct. 1981	Nov. 1980	QUITS Nov. 1981	Oct. 1981	Nov. 1980	LAY-OFF RATES Nov. 1981	Oct. 1981	Nov. 1980
MANUFACTURING	2.6	3.2	3.5	1.9	2.5	2.4	4.1	4.2	4.5	1.1	1.6	1.7	2.2	1.8	2.1
DURABLE GOODS	1.6	2.6	2.4	1.0	2.0	1.7	3.6	3.3	3.4	0.7	1.3	1.2	2.3	1.2	1.6
Primary Metals	1.5	1.0	3.4	0.6	0.9	1.8	2.3	2.2	2.1	0.4	0.7	1.2	1.7	0.8	0.3
Fabricated Metals	1.2	3.6	3.0	0.9	2.5	2.2	2.6	3.4	2.9	0.8	1.8	1.1	1.5	0.8	1.0
Non-Elec. Mach.	1.7	2.1	1.3	0.7	1.1	0.8	2.6	3.5	1.5	0.1	0.5	0.5	2.1	2.4	0.3
Electrical Mach.	1.7	3.5	3.5	1.3	2.7	2.4	4.3	3.6	4.5	1.2	1.7	1.7	2.6	1.0	2.0
Instruments-Optical	1.1	3.2	1.0	0.9	3.1	0.7	3.2	3.4	2.5	0.6	2.0	0.8	3.2	0.6	1.3
OTHER DURABLE GOODS *	1.6	1.6	1.8	1.2	1.1	1.5	3.7	3.1	6.0	0.7	1.1	1.3	2.4	1.0	4.2
NONDUR. GOODS	3.4	3.7	4.3	2.5	2.9	3.0	4.4	4.9	5.4	1.4	1.9	2.0	2.2	2.3	2.5
Food-Beverage	4.3	1.9	10.0	4.1	1.7	6.9	1.6	1.7	5.0	0.7	1.6	4.2	0.0	0.0	0.1
Textiles	2.9	4.1	3.9	2.1	3.0	2.7	4.1	4.9	4.4	1.3	1.7	1.8	2.0	2.2	1.8
Apparel	1.5	4.5	7.6	0.5	2.2	2.3	12.9	11.9	7.9	0.2	1.3	1.1	11.6	9.7	6.2
Paper & Allied Prod.	3.5	2.6	4.6	0.5	2.1	3.5	9.0	7.3	11.9	0.7	1.9	1.8	6.8	4.7	9.0
Rubber & Plas. Prod.	3.7	3.7	3.4	2.5	2.8	2.2	3.2	3.5	3.7	1.9	2.5	1.6	0.6	0.1	0.8
Jewelry & Silverware	4.4	4.6	5.3	3.6	3.9	4.0	4.9	4.4	4.4	1.5	2.0	2.4	2.3	1.8	1.3
OTHER NONDURABLE GOODS **	2.3	2.5	1.5	1.6	2.0	1.2	2.4	5.2	7.1	1.5	1.4	1.4	0.5	3.1	4.9

RATES FOR NOVEMBER 1981 ARE PRELIMINARY. RATES FOR OCTOBER 1981 AND NOVEMBER 1980 ARE FINAL.

* INCLUDES: LUMBER AND WOOD PRODUCTS; STONE, CLAY AND GLASS PRODUCTS AND TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT.

* * INCLUDES: PRINTING AND PUBLISHING AND ALLIED INDUSTRIES; CHEMICAL AND CHEMICAL PRODUCTS; LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS AND MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	Employment in Thousands			Net Change From	
	Dec. 1981	Nov. 1981	Dec. 1980	Nov. 1981	Dec. 1980
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT *	402.3	404.9	404.3	− 2600	− 2000
MANUFACTURING	123.1	126.3	128.9	− 3200	− 5800
NONMANUFACTURING	279.2	278.6	275.4	+ 600	+ 3800
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	12.6	13.0	12.9	− 400	− 300
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	13.2	13.2	13.5	0	− 300
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	83.9	82.4	84.4	+ 1500	− 500
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	21.1	21.0	21.1	+ 100	0
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	90.1	90.4	83.5	− 300	+ 6600
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	58.3	58.6	60.0	− 300	− 1700

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* FARMERS; SELF-EMPLOYED; DOMESTIC AND ARMED SERVICES PERSONNEL ARE EXCLUDED.

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cline of 300 jobs from the November total. A monthly decline of 200 workers was reported in both Textiles and Leather, bringing their December employment levels to 12,100 and 3,000, respectively. Paper Products showed a decline of 100 workers over the month, posting an employment level of 2,600 workers in mid-December.

In the Durable Goods sector, a decline of 1,000 jobs was reported in the current month. Primary Metals and Fabricated Metals each recorded a monthly decline of 300, bringing their employment levels to 7,300 and 9,800, respectively, for mid-December. A decline of 200 workers was also noted in both Stone, Clay & Glass and in Non-electrical Machinery, placing their respective mid-December employment totals at 2,600 and 7,100.

NONMANUFACTURING

The number of men and women gainfully employed in this State's nonmanufacturing industries rose by 600 in mid-December to 279,200.

The largest monthly gain occurred in the Trades sector, where 1,500 jobs were added to handle holiday purchases, reaching a yearly high of 83,900. Overall, the State's Finance, Insurance and Real Estate establishments reported a small increase of 100 workers over the month, bringing the total employment in this segment to 21,100. A seasonal decline of 400 jobs was noted in the Contract Construction industry, reducing the employment in that segment to 12,600 in mid-December. Employment in the Services sector reported a decrease of 300 workers over the month, posting an employment level of 90,100 workers in the current reporting period. Government payrolls showed a decline of 300 workers over the month, placing the mid-December employment level in this segment at 58,300. State Government accounted for two-thirds of this decline, posting a 200 worker loss, while Local Governments reported a decline of 100 workers.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings for the State's production and related workers in manufacturing industries decreased by 2 cents over the month to $6.27 in mid-December, but was up 43 cents per hour over the year. Average weekly hours for these workers decreased by 2.0 hours over the month to 38.0 hours in mid-December and was down 2.2 hours over the year. Gross average weekly earnings declined $13.34 in the month to $238.26. The current weekly earnings figure, however, was up $3.49 since last December.

RHODE ISLAND
Labor Force — Unemployment Estimates
(In Thousands)

	Dec. 1980	Nov. 1981	Dec. 1980
Civilian Labor Force	471.7	469.9	463.6
Unemployment	36.9	30.8	29.6
Rate (Unadjusted)	7.8	6.6	6.4
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	8.1	7.5	6.6

JOB BANK 277-3588
or Enterprise 2265
TJTC Information 277-3726
TJTC Job Orders. 277-6950
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NEWPORT, 268 Bellevue Avenue. 847-2038
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Jewelry 277-3559
Manufacturing 277-3556
Construction 277-3556
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